



#10. The Link Between the Abolition of
Slavery and Women's Suffrage

Class: _____

Type Instruction: Whole Class

Learning Objective(s): Students understand the connection between the reform movements to abolish slavery and to establish women's suffrage. Students recognize the leadership roles of Sarah and Angelina Grimké and Frederick Douglass in these related reform movements.

Length of Time: 10 Minutes

Ignite! Movies:

- 15th Amendment
- Abolition Suffrage Cause & Effect
- Grimké Sisters

Teacher Instructions: Play Ignite! movies with students and complete the following activity.

Part One: Students complete a chart about the connection between the abolitionist movement and women's suffrage.

Part Two: Students work in small groups to discuss the connections between two of the key political movements in the 1800s. Students should share their group notes during the whole class discussion.

Target Vocabulary/Key Terms:

- *abolition movement*
- *Fifteenth Amendment*
- *Sarah Grimké*
- *Angelina Grimké*

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Connections

Directions: Fill in the blanks below to complete the cause and effect chart on the connection between the abolitionist movement and women's suffrage.

CAUSE

The abolition movement creates activists throughout the North.

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Sarah and Angelina Grimké are criticized for stepping out of women's "proper" sphere.

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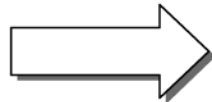
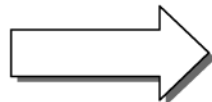
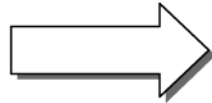
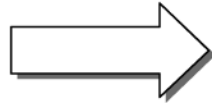
EFFECT

Some women attend meetings in hopes of speaking.

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In 1873, Sarah Grimké publishes *Letters on the Condition of Women and the Equality of the Sexes*.

As part of the reform movements, women's issues gain momentum.





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Progress: Women's Contributions

Discussion: If a woman gives an excellent speech on the evils of slavery and the need for abolition, part of the message the audience will receive is that some women are capable of giving excellent speeches. With this in mind, discuss in your group how women's contributions to the fight to end slavery and achieve equal rights for African Americans also made progress in the struggle for women's suffrage. Use the diagram below to make notes and use during your whole class discussion.

